

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 remain herein. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended.

1. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Kato et al. (JP2002-260535).

Kato fails to disclose or suggest a plasma display panel having a “protective film on the dielectric glass layer, the protective film comprising magnesium oxide (MgO) and an additional oxide, said additional oxide comprising an element with an electronegativity of 1.4 or higher and having a negative charge including at least one of germanium oxide (GeO₂), boron oxide (B₂O₃), and lead oxide (PbO),” as recited in claims 1 and 4. At most, Kato describes a protective film with magnesium oxide and an additional oxide selecting from the group of Ca, Sr, Ba, Zn, Al, Zr, Si, Ti, Sn, Ce and La.

For all the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in Kato of all elements of applicants’ presently claimed invention. Accordingly, Kato is not a proper basis for a rejection of applicants’ claim under § 102. Nor is there any disclosure in Kato that would have suggested applicants’ claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection on claims 1 and 4 are respectfully requested. Claims 6 and 7 are allowable by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 4.

2. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Daito (JP2000-294153).

Daito likewise fails to disclose or suggest a “protective film on the dielectric glass layer, the protective film comprising magnesium oxide (MgO) and an additional oxide, said

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additional oxide comprising an element with an electronegativity of 1.4 or higher and having a negative charge including at least one of germanium oxide (GeO_2), boron oxide (B_2O_3), and lead oxide (PbO),” as recited in claims 1 and 4. At most, Daito describes a silicon oxide layer formed on an MgO protecting layer.

For all the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in Daito of all elements of applicants’ presently claimed invention. Accordingly, Daito is not a proper basis for a rejection of applicants’ claim under § 102. Nor is there any disclosure in Daito that would have suggested applicants’ claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection on claims 1 and 4 are respectfully requested. Claims 6 and 7 are allowable by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 4.

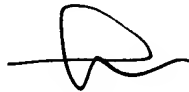
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Accordingly, this application is now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.2186). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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